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TAGS: BDIS, CPRS, PFOR, KE, US
SUBJECT: STATUS OF ESSO CLAIM AGAINST PRESIDENT KENYATTA

REF: NAIROBI MEMCON 9/10/76 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED TROUBLES EXPERIENCED BY ESSO STANDARD KENYA LTD. IN COLLECTING MONEY FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA FOR DELIVERY FUEL TO HIS FARM IN NAKURU. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS MADE FREQUENT EFFORTS RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN MANNER BEST CALCULATED TO AVOID WORSE PROBLEM FOR ESSO. WE WISH BRING PARTIAL SUCCESS TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT PROBLEM IS BY NO MEANS SOLVED.

2. PRESIDENT THROUGH HIS AGENT HAS PAID ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SHILLINGS BY CHECK (CLEARED) TO ESSO. THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS 75 PERCENT OF AMOUNT OWED TO ESSO UP UNTIL END OF OCTOBER 1976. PAYMENT WAS PENDING SINCE APRIL 1972. BECAUSE ONLY 75 PERCENT PAID, EFFECT IS THAT PRESIDENT'S ACCOUNT IS CURRENT AS OF APRIL 1976.

GENERAL MANAGER OF ESSO MOST GRATEFUL BY DEVELOPMENT BUT WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE. HE IS CONTINUING MONTHLY DELIVERIES (NEVER INTERRUPTED), WHICH AMOUNT TO ABOUT FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND SHILLINGS PER MONTH. HE IS APPREHENSIVE OVER POSSI-

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BILITY THAT BY END OF 1977 ACCOUNT MAY AGAIN BE SUFFICIENTLY FAR BEHIND TO CONCERN SHAREHOLDERS, WHO ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AN EMOLUMENT. FOR MOMENT, HOWEVER, ESSO THINKS MATTERS HAVE PROGRESSED LONG WAY TOWARD BETTER, AND FIRM HAS MADE ITS OWN DECISION TO CONTINUE DELIVERIES.

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